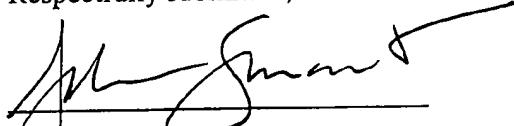


The claims are believed to be allowable for the following additional reasons. In the section cited by the Examiner, Olds mentions various network systems, comprising for instance Novell NetWare, LAN Manager, Lantastic, Windows NT, and Windows 95. However, nowhere in the Olds patent is there any mention of electronic mail or e-mail. Although computer networks may be connected to an e-mail system (e.g., SMTP server), computer networks are not themselves an e-mail system. Applicants' invention includes a technique for using e-mail as a transport mechanism for enabling synchronization of remote datasets. This would include, for instance, packaging Applicants' synchronization set in such a fashion that would permit it to be transported via e-mail. Having no discussion whatsoever of electronic mail, Olds provides nothing which would teach or suggest this feature of Applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims distinguish over the combined references.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendment to the claims, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Hence, it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue at an early date. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 395-8819.

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